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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR USG SUPPORT FOR SRI LANKAN MEMBERSHIP IN
FAO COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A NOTE FROM THE SRI LANKAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REQUESTING USG SUPPORT AT THE FAO COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON DECEMBER 2, 1977, FOR GSL MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMS OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION (FAO).
2. THE NOTE STATES THAT THIS IS THE FIRST OCCASION THAT SRI LANKA HAS ASPIRED TO BE A MEMBER OF THIS COMMITTEE. SRI LANKA WAS MOST RECENTLY A MEMBER OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE (IGC) OF THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM IN 1967. SINCE THAT TIME RE-ELECTION WAS NOT SOUGHT IN CONFORMITY WITH THE ACCEPTED PRINCIPLE OF ROTATION.
3. P.M.D. FERNANDO, DIRECTOR OF UN AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, TOLD EMBOFF THAT THIS REQUEST REFLECTS SRI LANKA'S DESIRE TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN FAO AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO QUESTIONS OF FOOD AID AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. IF ELECTED, FERNANDO SAID, SRI LANKA WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY ITS AMBASSADOR IN ROME.

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4. AS SRI LANKA HAS GENERALLY TAKEN A MODERATE POSITION ON MOST THIRD WORLD ISSUES, AND BECAUSE THE NEW GSL WHICH TOOK OFFICE JULY 22 IS LIKELY TO BE EVEN LESS IDEOLOGICAL THAN ITS PREDECESSOR, THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS USG SUPPORT FOR SRI LANKA'S MEMBERSHIP ON THE COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMS.

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